

--it tastes like  
40c Coffee  
but costs very  
much less

# NEDROW COFFEE

"How do we do it?"  
"By coupling scientific  
knowledge with a lot  
of care and work."

If you are unable to get Nedrow Coffee from your  
dealer, write us. But ask him first.

## WORDEN GROCER COMPANY

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Kalamazoo, Mich.

## The IRON TRAIL

By  
REX BEACH

Copyright, 1915, by Harper &  
Brother

### SYNOPSIS

Murray O'Neill, railroad builder, on his way to Alaska, is a passenger on the Nebraskan. The ship runs aground. O'Neill helps Captain Johnson Brennan to quell a panic among the passengers.

As the ship settles O'Neill is accosted by a beautiful girl, and he plunges overboard with her. They are picked up by Captain Brennan. She proves to be Natalie Gerard, whose mother is the friend of Curtis Gordon, O'Neill's unscrupulous business rival.

O'Neill and Natalie journey to Hope together. She tells him of her mother and Gordon. When they arrive at Hope Gordon meets them.

O'Neill is impressed with the magnificence of his rival, but is sure his plans are unshakable. Tom Slater quits Gordon for O'Neill. They go to Cortez in time to save Dan Appleton in a crooked card game.

Appleton, an engineer, had worked for Gordon. He casts his fortunes with O'Neill. O'Neill leads his men to a wild country, convinced he can build a railroad up the Salmon river.

Eliza Appleton is sent to Omar to expose the men who are trying to snatch control of an empire. She meets her brother and Natalie. Dan is worried over a possible newspaper attack by Eliza on O'Neill.

There's a scene when Curtis Gordon asks Gloria to be hostess to Miss Golden. Gloria says Miss Golden isn't a fit person to meet Natalie. Gordon says she has money and he needs her in his schemes.

In her extremity Mrs. Gerard listens to Natalie's plea to go to the Irish prince. O'Neill finds plans for them in his new hotel. Gordon, thoroughly enraged, plans to cripple O'Neill.

Dan tells his sister he's desperately in love with Natalie and asks her to win O'Neill, as he considers him a rival. Dan goes out with a car of dynamite and holds a canyon threatened by Gordon's men.

O'Neill takes the girls on a trip to Jackson. He decides to make a party voyage in a skiff down the Salmon river. Eliza, despite his pleadings, accompanies him.

Dan Appleton accepts O'Neill's offer of \$1,000 to the man who'll cut a cable in the work done by Gordon. After cutting the cable Appleton is set upon by a crowd of Gordon's men but is rescued by O'Neill's men.

He'll be broke in a year. Incidentally, that's my trouble.

"But I'm told you can't pass the glaciers."

"I can. Parker says he'll have the bridge done by spring."

"Then I'd bank on it. I'd believe Parker if I knew he was lying. If you both agree I haven't the slightest doubt."

"This is a bigger proposition than the North Pass, Mr. Ills. You made money out of that road, but this one will make more." He swiftly outlined the condition of affairs, even to the attitude assumed by the Heideemanns, and Ills, knowing the speaker as he did, had no doubt that he was hearing the exact truth. "But that's not all," continued O'Neill. "The S. R. and N. is the club which will hammer your enemies into line. That's what I came to see you about. With a voice in it you can control the traffic of all central Alaska and force the San Francisco

the worries of the day and were devoting themselves to the more serious and exhausting pastimes of relaxation. Still, the white haired Briton weighed in his mind the matter of millions, while the fortunes of Murray O'Neill hung in the balance.

"My people won't buy the S. R. and N.," Ills finally announced. "But I'll put it up to them."

"I can't delay action if there's a chance of a refusal. I'll have to see them and Capron," said O'Neill.

"I'll cable full details within the hour. We'll have an answer by tomorrow night."

"And if they refuse?" O'Neill lit a cigar with steady fingers.

"Oh, if they refuse I'll join you! We'll go over the matter carefully in the meantime. Two million you said, didn't you?"

"Yes. There's two million profit for you in nine months." His voice was husky and a bit uneven, for he had been under a great strain.

"Good! You don't know how resentful I feel toward him and his crowd. I'm downright angry. I am that."

Ills took the hand which his caller extended with an expressionless face.

"I'm glad I found you," confessed O'Neill. "I was on my last legs. Herman Heideemann will pay our price when the last bridge bolt is driven home, and he'll pay with a smile on his face. That's the sort of man he is."

"He won't pay if he knows I'm interested. We're not exactly friendly since I sold out my smaller interests. But he needn't know. Nobody need know."

Ills called his valet and instructed him to rouse his secretary and ring for some cable blanks.

"I think I'll cable, too," Murray told him. "I have some 'boys' up there who are working in the dark with their teeth shut. They're waiting for the crash, and they'd like to hear the good news."

His fingers shook as he scrawled the name of Dr. Gray, but his eyes were bright and youth was shining in his heart once more.

"Now let's get down to business," said Mr. Ills. "We'll have to talk fast."

### CHAPTER XVI.

#### How Gordon Changed Attack.

It was growing light in the east when O'Neill returned to his hotel, but he felt no fatigue, and he laughed from the pure joy of living, for his dream seemed coming true.

Meanwhile there were strenuous happenings in Omar. The story spread that O'Neill was broke. The workers demanded their money. With all available funds exhausted and a crisis at hand Dan and Eliza contributed \$4,000, their life savings, and checked a walk-out. The following morning there was great joy at the receipt of a cablegram announcing that O'Neill and Ills had formed a working agreement. Natalie, who had been sent by Gordon to Omar to watch developments, returned with the news of O'Neill's latest secret alliance, whereat Gordon declared that O'Neill had "the luck of the devil."

O'Neill's return to Omar was triumphant. All his lieutenants gathered to meet him at the pier, and the shower of their welcome stirred him deeply. His arrangements with Ills had taken time; he had been delayed at Seattle by bridge details and the placing of steel contracts. He had worked swiftly and with such absorption that he had paid little heed to the rumors of Gordon's latest activities. Of the new venture which his own success had inspired he knew only the bare outline. He had learned enough, however, to arouse his curiosity, and as soon as the first confusion of his arrival at the front was over he set for news of the situation.

"Haven't you read the papers?" inquired Happy Tom. He had attached himself to O'Neill at the moment of his stepping ashore, and now followed him to headquarters with an air of melancholy satisfaction in mere physical nearness to his chief.

"Barely," O'Neill confessed. "I've been working twenty hours a day getting that steel under motion."

Dr. Gray said with conviction: "Gordon is a remarkable man. It's a pity he's crooked."

"I think it's right lucky," declared Tom. "He's smarter than us, and if he wasn't handicapped by a total lack of decency he'd beat us."

"After the storm," explained Gray, "he moved back to Hope, and we thought he'd made his last bow, but in some way he got the idea that the trust was back of us."

"So I judged from the little I read."

"Well, we didn't deceive him, of course. His first move was an attack through the press in the shape of a broadside against the Heideemanns. It fairly took our breaths. It appeared in the Cortez Courier and all over the states, we hear—a letter of defiance to Herman Heideemann. It declared that the trust was up to its old tricks here in Alaska and called the copperhead the coal tied up under secret agreements and was trying to get possession of all the coast range passes and defiles—the old story. But the man can write. That article caused a stir."

"I saw it."

"Naturally the Cortez people ate it up. They're sore at the trust for leaving their town and at us for building Omar. Then Gordon called a mass meeting, and some of us went up to watch the fireworks. I've never seen anything quite like that meeting. Every man, woman and child in the city was there, and they blessed us when we came in. Gordon knew what he was about, and he was in fine voice. He told them Cortez was the logical point of entry to the interior of Alaska and ought to have all the traffic. He fired their animosity toward the trust and accused us of basely selling out to it. Then he broached a project to build, by local subscription, a narrow gauge electric line from Cortez, utilizing the waterfalls for power. The idea caught on and went like wildfire. The people cheered themselves hoarse and pledged him over \$100,000 that night. Since then they have subscribed as much more, and the town is crazy. Work has actually begun, and they hope to reach the first summit by Christmas."

Slater broke in: "He's a spellbinder, all right. He made me hate the Heideemanns and detest myself for five minutes. I wasn't even sure I liked him. Hm-m-m."

(Continued next week)

Record Want Ads for Results



Like getting back home  
for Thanksgiving—  
they satisfy!

Thanksgiving with the old folks at home—it does satisfy! For your smoking, Chesterfields do the same thing—they satisfy!

But Chesterfields are MILD, too—that's the wonder of it.

Don't expect this new cigarette enjoyment (satisfy, yet mild) from any cigarette but Chesterfields, because no cigarette maker can copy the Chesterfield blend—an entirely new combination of tobaccos and the biggest discovery in cigarette making in 20 years.

Logan's Myers Tobacco Co.

"Give me a package of those cigarettes that SATISFY."

# Chesterfield

## CIGARETTES

They  
SATISFY!  
—and yet they're  
MILD

20 for 10¢

# NOTICE

With Winter rapidly coming on, we are rushed with orders to run gas lines into Alma homes. When the ground has frozen all such work must stop.

By way of warning, we would suggest that all builders of new homes, or any who contemplate having gas put into their present homes, drop into our office and make application for such work. We will increase our force to handle the large demand before the ground freezes. Better do this, even if you won't be ready to use gas for some months.

## Gratiot County Gas Co.

Advertise Your Auction Sales in The Record

Dates Made at This Office for all Auctioneers



How it looks when illustrated.

"It's too bad, they are continually falling out with each other."

There Never Was a Kid

To his credit be it said Who wasn't always ready for

A Slice of Bakers' Bread

A slice to him, of goodness With a spread perhaps of jam Give him always bakers' bread Which is the bread, what am I

THE MODEL BAKERY

"Reynolds"—The Autocrat of all Shingles



## How's Your Roof?

DOES IT LEAK? DOES IT LOOK BAD?  
Fall Rains and Winter Storms Will Soon Be Here.

Now is the time to re-roof. Reynolds Shingles are the original Asphalt Shingles. They have been in actual use for over fifteen years, and the first roof ever laid with Reynolds Shingles is still giving good service.

This means Fifteen Years Proven Service—no need for a "Certificate of Hope" when you have a Reynolds Shingle roof.

**ADAPTABILITY**—Reynolds Shingles are adaptable for all types of roof construction having one-quarter pitch or more. They are especially suitable for pitched effects, eye-brow windows, curves and angles.

**DURABILITY**—With the proven service of over fifteen years, Reynolds Shingles are the acknowledged long-life material from which to make roofs. Being made of natural, most adaptable material they should last many, many years.

**BEAUTY**—Reynolds Shingles makes the most attractive roof of any material obtainable. They may be had in a variety of colorings—natural, fadeless colorings inherent in the mineral surfacing.

**FIRE-SAFE**—Reynolds Shingles have been thoroughly tested at the Underwriters Laboratories and received the highest approval ever awarded by these laboratories for the same type of roofing material.

## Reynolds Re-Roofing Week

OCTOBER 9-14

Reynolds Shingles Possess the Three Cardinal Shingle Virtues  
**BEAUTY, DURABILITY and ECONOMY**

No part of the house is subjected to the wear and test of the elements as is the roof. It must stand the scorching sun, the beating rain and hail, blowing snows, falling sparks, frosts and freezing, and many other natural tests of the elements. Reynolds Shingles have never failed to give the greatest satisfaction. Reynolds Shingles are economical to buy, economical to lay and with their natural durability, are cheapest in the end.

Roofers, carpenters and contractors are featuring Reynolds Re-Roofing Week as the time to take care of your re-roofing needs. Place your order for Reynolds Shingles now, you will increase the value of your home accordingly. Don't try to patch a bad roof—put on a new Reynolds Asphalt Shingle Roof.

Reynolds Shingles are made exclusively by H. M. Reynolds Asphalt Shingle Company, Grand Rapids, Mich. There are many imitations, but only one original.

By putting on that new roof now, you will increase the value of your home accordingly. Don't try to patch a bad roof—put on a new Reynolds Asphalt Shingle Roof.

FOR SALE BY

## Home Lumber & Fuel Co.

ring Your Job Printing to Us